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SUBJ: CUBAN REFUGEE - VICENTE BALLARDARES

REF: CA-9641

1. SUMMARY: VICENTE BALLARDARES, DPOB 19 JULY 44 HABANA.
CUBAN SEAMAN'S BOOK NUMBER UNKNOWN, KEPT ON BOARD BY CAPTAIN.
MACHINIST ABOARD CUBAN VESSEL "SEPTIEMBRE". HAS APPROACHED
EMBASSY REQUESTING POLITICAL ASYLUM IN U.S. STATES LONGTIME
OPPOSITION TO COMMUNISM AND REGIME CUBA. SHIP IN YOKOHAMA
SINCE SEPTEMBER. SPENT NIGHT OF JAN 7 IN CHANCERY AND NOW IN
JAPANESE DETENTION CENTER.

2. BALLARDARES HAS RESIDED AT VARIOUS ADDRESSES IN HABANA ALL
HIS LIFE. TWICE DIVORCED, THREE CHILDREN LIVING WITH MOTHER.
STATES HE WILL SUPPORT THEM FROM U.S. SAILED ON VARIOUS CUBAN
SHIPS IN PAST BUT HAS ONLY SAILED COASTWISE AND BEEN PORT
WORKER LAST FOUR YEARS. WAS FINED BY LAST STEAMSHIP EMPLOYER
FOR COMPLAINING ABOUT PAY AND WORK CONDITIONS AND CRITICIZING
GOVERNMENT 1971.

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3. AVERS NEVER AFFILIATED WITH ANY COMMUNIST CONNECTED ORGANIZATION AND LONG OPPONENT REGIME. DECIDED BEFORE DEPARTING CUBA JULY HE WOULD DEFECT FIRST OPPORTUNITY. VESSEL LAID UP IN YOKOHAMA SINCE SEPTEMBRR AND NOW UP FOR SAIL.

4. SUBJECT COMPLETED SEVENTH GRADE AT 16 AND LEARNED ENGINE ROOM TRADE AT SEA. SPEAKS READS AND WRITES ONLY SPANISH. IMPRESSED INTERVIEWING OFFICERS VERY FAVORABLY APPEARING SINCERE AND FORTHRIGHT. EMB SATISFIED NOT INELIGIBLE ANY PROVISIONS OF ACT, AND APPEARS QUALIFY UNDER EPP.

5. WILL DO MEDICAL WHEN SUPPORT AFIDAVIT, NEGATIVE PARAKEET CHECK AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY OBTAINED. SEPARATE PARAKEET CABLE BEING SENT TODAY.

6. PARENTS AND NINE BROTHERS AND SISTERS RESIDING CUBA. ONLY RELATIONS IN U.S. ARE MOTHER'S DISTANT RELATIVES, IDENTITY AND ADDRESSES UNKNOWN TO HIM.

7. FOREIGN OFFICE CUBAN AFFAIRS OFFICER AND IMMIGRATION POLICE PICKED SUBJECT UP AT EMBASSY FOR IMMIGRATION DETENTION REQUESTING CASE BE SETTLED ON MOST URGENT BASIS OR WILL BE FORCED TO TURN HIM OVER CUBAN AUTHORITIES.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) DEPT CONCURRENCE IN EMB JUDGMENT THAT SUBJECT APPEARS QUALIFY UNDER EPP AND AUTHORITY FOR INS-TOKYO TO ISSUE PREPAROLE DOCUMENT; (2) REQUEST APPROPRIATE VOLAG SUCH AS IRC FURNISH AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT AND MEET ON ARRIVAL; (3) NEED FISCAL AUTHORIZTATION ONLY FOR TRAVEL COSTS TO MIAMI AND THIRTY DOLLARS FOR MED EXAM AND FOTOS.
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